

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 1, 2008

Secretary Pete Geren
Department of the Army
1600 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Secretary Geren:

We request that the Army immediately reverse its decision to eliminate fiscal year 2008 cost reimbursable funding for Badger Army Ammunition Plant. Army personnel have identified the need for \$18.4 million in Operation and Maintenance (O&M,A) funds in order to meet the 2011 deadline for transferring the lands. This funding is critical to carry out demolition, explosive safety, security, and environmental compliance of ongoing routine activities such as landfill operation and wastewater treatment.

The Army's recent decision to allocate Badger less than 5% of the necessary O&M,A funds will cause significant project delays and the loss of trained labor. SpecPro, the lead contractor at Badger, announced they are laying off 46 full-time employees starting February 1 as a result of these cuts. Sixteen full-time employees were already laid off in early January. These layoffs amount to 45% of Badger's workforce and additional layoffs—and accompanying project delays—can be expected if fiscal year 2008 funds are never allocated.

We request that the Army fulfill its obligations at Badger Army Ammunition Plant and restore funding immediately.

Sincerely,



Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator



Herb Kohl
United States Senator



Tammy Baldwin
United States Representative

cc: Joan Kenney, Installation Director, Badger Army Ammunition Plant
Badger Reuse Committee (via the Sauk County Department of Planning & Zoning)